

Consolidation

- a** Right (✓) or wrong (✗)? Correct the mistakes in the **highlighted** phrases.

KEITH So, what ¹are you and Wendy doing this weekend? ✓

GAVIN Well, the school holidays ²start on Friday and ³we will go to the seaside with the kids. We can't stay away for long, though. Wendy's ⁴due go into hospital on Monday.

KEITH Really? ⁵Is she having an operation?

GAVIN Yes, but it's nothing too serious. It's only her wrist. ⁶She'll be home again in the evening. What ⁷do you and Jennifer do this weekend?

KEITH Sadly, Jennifer is working all weekend. Her company ⁸is about to be taken over by a big multinational so everyone is worried ⁹they're losing their jobs. So it looks like ¹⁰I'll be spending the weekend on my own. I've decided that ¹¹I'm painting the outside of the house if the weather stays fine.

GAVIN That doesn't sound like much fun! Have a good weekend.



- b** Read the news report and underline six different structures used to express the future.

One of the most talked-about matches in the history of tennis is due to take place this afternoon in New York. Current world number one Arturo Villa is to face his long-term rival Bill Everard in what is going to be a long and tough struggle for the top spot, according to commentators. Their last match was a narrow defeat for Everard. 'I have worked so hard to

come this far, and this time I'm 100% sure I'm about to become the most highly-ranked player in the world,' he commented in a pre-match press conference. When asked about his predictions for the match, Villa replied: 'I've never been on better form and I'm going to show him who's the boss, just like last time.' The match begins at five p.m. local time.

Activation

- Use the information below to write another news report in one paragraph about a visit from the President. Use some of the structures from **a** and **b**.

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| 9 a.m. | Arrival of President and First Lady in Lynnborg by helicopter, greeted by mayor. |
| 10 a.m. | Press conference at City Hall; First Lady time to meet the public. |
| 11.30 a.m. | Visit to new city hospital; spend time with patients. |
| 1 p.m. | Formal lunch at City Hall with local officials and community leaders. |
| 2 p.m. | President: meeting with business leaders at city hall.
First Lady: speech at local high school, followed by theatrical performance by students. |
| 3.30 p.m. | Tour of newly redesigned city gardens for President and First Lady. |
| 5 p.m. | End of visit; departure from Lynnborg by helicopter. |



*'The President and his wife **are due to** arrive in town by helicopter at nine a.m. and **are to be** greeted by the mayor. At ten o'clock, the President **will be giving** a press conference at City Hall, while the First Lady..'*

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- a** Read the story. What differences in style do you notice between the two paragraphs? Talk to a partner and explain why.

Ever since she had been a small girl, Nicky had wanted to get to know her father, but she had never been able to. Whenever Nicky used to ask about him, her mother would shake her head and look angry. Every year on her birthday Nicky used to hope that he would come to visit, but he never did. Nicky's mother told her he was always busy working abroad, but Nicky didn't believe he was. She was constantly talking about him, even though her mother begged her not to. Although Nicky had never met her father, she always felt that one day she would. Sometimes she used to close her eyes and pray that he would contact her. But when he finally phoned on her 21st birthday and asked her if she wanted to see him, Nicky wasn't sure if she did.

Nicky's father gave her his phone number and he said she could contact him whenever she wanted to contact him. Nicky said goodbye, and then she hung up. At first, she was angry that he had got in touch and she wished that he hadn't got in touch. But a few weeks later, she called him and she arranged to see him because she felt they needed to talk. She got on well with him, although she hadn't expected to get on well with him. Nicky decided that she wanted them to meet regularly, and her father promised that they would meet regularly. Five years later, when Nicky got married, no one imagined that her father would be leading her up the aisle, but he was leading her up the aisle.

- b** Rewrite the second paragraph leaving out repeated words where possible, and substituting where necessary. When you have finished, swap paragraphs with a partner. Have you left out the same words?

- c** Make substitutions in the following sentences using *so* or *not*.

- 1 A Will classes start at the normal time next week?
B I presume ~~they will start at the normal time~~ **so**. Otherwise the director would have mentioned it.
- 2 A Have you got any batteries?
B I'm afraid that we haven't got any batteries. We sold the last packet yesterday.
- 3 A Are you going to go skiing at Easter?
B I guess I'll go skiing, though I'm not very keen on it.
- 4 A Do you reckon they'll accept the contract as it is?
B I suspect that they won't accept it. They'll ask us to change some sections.
- 5 A Do you think Chris and Angie will come tomorrow?
B I don't imagine that they will come. They're very busy at the moment.
- 6 A John won't be interested in taking part, will he?
B I suppose that he won't be interested in taking part. He has other plans for the summer.

- Think about the following topics and then discuss them with a partner.

Activation

- If you strongly disagree with someone's opinion, is it always a good idea to say so?
- Do you know anyone who has a talent, but doesn't make good use of it?
- Is there anything you'd love to be able to do, but can't?
- Can you remember a time when you gave in to temptation, even when you promised yourself you wouldn't?
- When was the last time you accepted an invitation even though you secretly **didn't want to**?

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- a** Rewrite these sentences starting with *The person, The place, The first / last time, or The reason*. Keep the emphasis on the **bold** phrase.

1 I've always wanted to visit **Istanbul** more than anywhere else.

The place I've always most wanted to visit is Istanbul.

2 He married her **for her money**.

3 She loves **her niece** more than anyone else in the world.

4 I saw her for the last time in **October**.

5 It's **my sister** who really understands how I feel.

6 We retired early **in order to have time to enjoy life**.

7 I relax most in **the garden**.

8 I met David for the first time **just after the military coup**.

- b** Complete the second sentence so that it emphasizes the **bold** part.

1 **His unhealthy diet** really worries me.

What *really worries me is his unhealthy diet.*

2 My son is crazy about **skateboarding**.

What _____.

3 They just want **to lie on a beach and relax**.

All _____.

4 I'm desperate for **a nice cup of tea**.

What _____.

5 The restaurant was made special by **the atmosphere** rather than the food.

It _____.

6 I don't want **to be late for work tomorrow**.

What _____.

7 She only asked for **a glass of water**.

All _____.

8 **Alec** was a professional footballer when he was young, not Darren.

It _____.

Activation

- Guess this information about your partner and complete the sentences. Then discuss your predictions together.

- The reason you're learning English is _____.
- What you most like about your English class is _____.
- The thing that bothers you most in the cinema, theatre, or at a concert is _____.
- The person you spend most time with is _____.
- What really annoys you on trains, planes, or buses is when people _____.
- When you're on holiday, all you want to do is _____.